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ABOUT MESA COUNTY:

- **The “County Connection” Newsletter** brings information about your county government directly to your email box. Sign up to receive these periodic email updates by visiting our website at: www.mesacounty.us. Just click on “Electronic Newsletter.”
- **Inside Mesa County: Know Your Government** is a 5-week course that informs residents about how their government functions and the many ways Mesa County touches their lives. The course includes presentations from Mesa County elected officials and department heads, as well as tours of several county facilities. For more information about when our next class is being offered, go to our website: www.mesacounty.us or call 244-1640.
- **Calendar of Events** – Check out our comprehensive schedule of public events, meetings and hearings, available on our website: www.mesacounty.us.

CHANNEL 12 BROADCAST SCHEDULE	
Mealtime in Mesa County	Weekly cooking show teaches people how to feed a family of four for less than \$15 per meal in less than 30 minutes. Incorporates healthy eating suggestions. Produced locally. (3:00, 6:00, 9:00 and 12:00 a.m. and p.m.)*
Inside Mesa County	Weekly program explains county government-related programs and services as well as county-sponsored local events. Covers topics ranging from Health and Human Services to Law Enforcement to Economic Development and Public Works. Produced locally. (3:30, 6:30, 9:30 and 12:30 a.m. and p.m.)
LiveWell: On Location	Monthly show focuses on healthy living options for Mesa County Residents. Produced locally. (3:00, 6:00, 9:00 and 12:00 a.m. and p.m.)*
Other	See schedule for additional listings

* Broadcast alternating weeks

To see the most current Channel 12 schedule or to watch our shows on the web, visit:
<http://channel12.mesacounty.us>
or call 254-4123 with questions.

Brochure revised May, 2009.

PROGRAMS
& SERVICES

Administration (544 Rood Ave.) **244-1800**
County Administrator – Jon Peacock
Assistant Administrator – Stefani Conley

- Administration of day-to-day operations on behalf of the County Commissioners
- Public hearing agendas
- Community grant requests
- Economic development requests
- Liquor licenses
- Public Relations/Channel 12

Animal Services (971A Coffman Rd.) **242-4646**
Director – Penny McCarty

- Animal control enforcement for Mesa County and the City of Grand Junction
- Animal sheltering services for Mesa County, the City of Grand Junction, Fruita, Debeque, Collbran and Palisade
- Placement of pets into lifelong homes and management of the pet overpopulation problem

Assessor (544 Rood Ave.) **244-1610**
Assessor – Barbara Brewer

- Real-estate and personal-property appraisals for tax purposes
- Reporting of values to taxing authorities and taxpayers
- Preparation of tax roll for collection and disbursement of taxes to tax authorities that provide public service

Clerk & Recorder (544 Rood Ave.) **244-1703**
Clerk & Recorder – Janice Rich
Recording 244-1679

- Marriage licenses
- Document recording and record certification

Elections 244-1662

- Voter registration & countywide voter records; administration and management of all mandated elections; tabulation of election results
- Election notices/precincts/voting results

Motor Vehicle 244-1664

- Registration and title for all motor vehicles & vehicle VIN inspections; lien recording and revenue collection
- Motor vehicle customer services at:
 - o **Mesa Mall** (2424 U.S. Hwy.6 & 50)
 - o **Clifton** (Peachtree Shopping Center, 3225 I-70 Business Loop, #A2)
 - o **Fruita** (Civic Center, 325 E. Aspen Ave.)
 - o **Orchard Mesa** (Fairgrounds, 2775 Hwy. 50)
 - o **Old Courthouse** (544 Rood Ave.)

Clerk to the Board 244-1896

- Attends sessions of the Board of County Commissioners
- Keeps a record of the proceedings, as required by law

Coroner (Community Hospital, 2021 N. 12th St.) **256-6462**
Coroner – Dr. Dean Havlik, Forensic Pathologist

- Investigation and determination of cause and manner of death
- Pronouncements of death
- Autopsies to determine cause and manner of death

County Attorney (544 Rood Ave.) **244-1612**
County Attorney – Lyle Dechant

- Prosecution of dependency & neglect cases
- Prosecution of mental health & alcohol cases
- Legal support to Mesa County government

Criminal Justice Services (636 South Ave. & 650 South Ave.) **244-3344**
Director – Dennis Berry

- Operation of alternative sentencing programs
- Summit View Treatment Program
- Community Corrections
- Useful Public Service
- Day Reporting Program
- Pretrial Services
- Restorative Justice Program

CSU Extension—Tri-River Area (2775 U.S. Hwy. 50) **244-1834**
Director – Rhonda Follman

- Agriculture and natural resources education
- 4-H programs
- Horticulture and gardening information
- Master Gardener program
- Weed and pest control 255-7120
- Food safety and human nutrition

District Attorney, 21st Judicial District (125 N. Spruce St.) **244-1730**
District Attorney – Pete Hautzinger

- Prosecution of criminal cases, civil forfeiture cases, juvenile cases
- Domestic violence and juvenile diversion programs
- Victims' services
- Consumer fraud information

Emergency Management (544 Rood Ave.) **244-1763**
Manager – Andy Martsof

- Regulation and oversight of the Emergency Medical Services system
- Coordination of all necessary activities to ensure effective functioning of the emergency management system
- Hazard identification, planning and mitigation
- Development, maintenance and exercising of disaster plans

Facilities & Parks (315 N. Spruce St.) **244-3230**
Regional Services Director – Tom Fisher

- Oversight of major facility construction projects; repair & maintenance of county buildings and grounds
- Outlying parks/trails development and maintenance; parks planning in unincorporated areas

Fairgrounds (2785 U.S. Hwy. 50) **256-1531**
Manager – Marsha Kosteva

- Mesa County Fair
- Animal shows and exhibitions
- Family entertainment

Finance (544 Rood Ave.) **244-1675**
Director – Marcia Arnhold

- Maintains financial records
- Coordinates development of County's budget and capital investment program

Health (510 29 1/2 Rd.) **248-6900**
Director – Dr. Michael Aduddell
Environmental Health

- **Water Quality** (750 Main St.) **254-4141**
 - o Individual septic system permitting and design
 - o Swimming pool inspection
- **Air Quality 248-6960**
 - o Air quality monitoring and advisories
 - o Pollen counts
 - o Open burn permits
- **Consumer Protection 248-6960**
 - o Restaurant inspections and licensing
 - o Inspections: Day care, water well and body art facilities
 - o Foodborne illness complaints
 - o Food handler classes
 - o School chemical safety
- **Vector Surveillance and Control 248-6960**
 - o Mosquito and bird (West Nile Virus, St. Louis Encephalitis)
 - o Mosquito control (outside of mosquito control district)
 - o Rodent population (Plague, hanta virus)
 - o Beaver trapping permits
- **Health Services**
 - o Immunizations – child, adult, travel
 - o Health care program for children with special needs
 - o EPSDT program
 - o Family planning 248-6906
- **Home Visit Nursing 254-4100**
- **Communicable Disease Investigation**
- **Health Education**
- **Special Projects**
- **Emergency Preparedness and Response**
- **Laboratory Services**
- **Supporting public health**

Administration

- **Public Information**
- **Birth and Death Certificates**
- **Nutritional Programs**
 - o Supplemental food program and Temporary Food Assistance (486 Morning Glory Lane Unit A) 241-3651
 - o WIC program 248-6914

Human Resources (544 Rood Ave.) **244-1856**

- Recruitment, benefits, and employee services

PROGRAMS
& SERVICES

Human Services (510 29 1/2 Rd.) **241-8480**
Director – Len Stewart

- Public Relations 256-2453

Adult Services

- Adult Protective Services 248-2888
- Area Agency on Aging 248-2717
- Options for Long-Term Care
- SOS/Volunteer Program 683-2614

Child and Family Services

- Child Protection Hotline 242-1211
- Adolescent Services
- Family Preservation Programs (family therapy, life skills, home-based)
- The Opportunity Center (day treatment, alternative school, family therapy)
- Foster Care Information Line 248-2794
- Kinship Care Programs
- Partnership for Children and Families 244-3838

Self Sufficiency

- Child Support Services 248-2780
- Family and Children's Medicaid
- Cash & Food Assistance Programs
- Child Care Assistance
- Colorado Works Program
- LEAP (Low Income Energy Assistance Program)
- Aid to Needy Disabled/Blind
- Old Age Pension
- Welfare Fraud Hotline 256-2421

Workforce Center (2897 North Ave.) **248-0871**

- Comprehensive employment and training programs
- Job Seekers
 - o Job referrals, education & training
- Services for Employers
 - o Job posting and outreach
 - o Applicant screening and assessment
- Job Services for Veterans
- Veterans Affairs Program 248-2733

Western Colorado 2-1-1 Resources & Referrals – Dial 211 or 244-8400 from a cell phone

Information Technology (544 Rood Ave.) **244-1796**

- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

Planning and Economic Development (750 Main St.) **244-1867**
Director – Kurt Larsen, AICP

- Economic development requests
- Processing of development applications
- Mesa County Master Plan and Community Plans
- Mesa County Land Development Code
- Zoning and Code Enforcement
- Transportation impact fee
- Access review

Public Trustee (619 Main St., Suite 170) **256-9570 x136**
Mesa County Public Trustee – Paul Brown

- Foreclosure processing and DOT release

Public Works (750 Main St.) **244-1765**
Director – Peter Baier
Administration (750 Main St.) **244-1765**

- Budget and project planning for Mesa County Capital Improvement Program
- Rights-of-Way and Property Agent for Mesa County Public Works
- Contract and grant administration for Mesa County Public Works
- Transportation and utility permits

Building Division (750 Main St.) **244-1631**

- Building permits
- Building inspections to regulate construction, use and occupancy
- Administration and enforcement of building codes adopted in Mesa County
- Maintenance of record system as required by law

Engineering Division (750 Main St.) **244-1765**

- Design construction of road infrastructure
- Administration of floodplain regulations
- Development Review
- G.P.S./Surveying - Geodetic Control and G.P.S. data

Fleet Division (1000 S. 9th St.) **244-1820**

- Vehicle and equipment asset management
- Acquisition, fueling, repair and maintenance support to all county departments and the Grand Valley Transit bus system

Road & Bridge Division (1000 S. 9th St.) **244-1807**

- Maintenance of the road system; i.e. storm drainage facilities; roads, all surface types
- Bridge repair
- Snow and ice removal on designated roads
- Emergency response 24/7 to situations affecting the road system

Solid Waste Management (3701 U.S. Hwy. 50) **241-6846**

- Mesa County Landfill
- Hazardous Waste Collection Facility
- Organic Materials Composting Facility

Traffic Division (925 4th Ave.) **244-1817**

- Monitoring of traffic and traffic signals
- Road signals and markings
- Traffic count and accident history maintenance
- Driveway permits

Purchasing/Risk Management (544 Rood Ave.) **255-7153**
Manager – Mark Reitz

- Workers' compensation and liability claims
- Supply and service procurement for Mesa County

• Management of TV Translator system and administration of the Cable Television Program with Bresnan Communications

Regional Transportation Planning Office (525 S. 6th St.) **255-7188**
Manager – Todd Hollenbeck

- Long-range transportation planning
- Transportation demand modeling
- Regional transportation coordination
- Public transit administration

Sheriff (215 Rice St.) **244-3500**
Mesa County Sheriff – Stan Hilkey

- Law enforcement
- Criminal investigations
- Court security
- Detention facility operations
- Search and rescue
- Wildland fire protection
- Victims' assistance
- Citizens on patrol
- Civil process
- Concealed weapons permits
- Citizens police academy

Surveyor (544 Rood Ave.) **244-1821**
Mesa County Surveyor – Lee Stiles

- County representative in boundary disputes
- Notification of the county attorney of any unsettled boundary disputes or boundary discrepancies
- Filing in the office of the county surveyor, or in the office of the county clerk and recorder, all surveys, field notes, calculations, maps, and any other records pertaining to work authorized and financed by the county commissioners
- Land Survey Plat acceptance and deposit, as required by Colorado state law

Treasurer (544 Rood Ave.) **244-1824**
Mesa County Treasurer – Monika Todd

- Tax collection and distribution to the Taxing Authorities (County, School Districts, Municipalities, Special Districts, etc.)
- Property tax statement distribution
- Receipt and accounting of monies sent to Mesa County (fees, deposits from other offices, Federal and State, etc.)
- Disbursement of monies for obligations of the County on the orders of the Board of County Commissioners
- Investment of any available funds



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REVENUES &
EXPENDITURES

GEOGRAPHY &
CLIMATE

ABOUT MESA COUNTY

Date of incorporation:	February 11, 1883
Area in square miles:	3,309
Percentage of public lands in Mesa County:	71%
Estimated 2009 population:	144,452*
Number of County Commissioners:	Three

MESA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Craig J. Meis
District 1, 244-1605, Term expires 1/2013

Steven Acquafresca
District 2, 244-1604, Term expires 1/2011

Janet Rowland
District 3, 244-1606, Term expires 1/2013

Other Elected Officials in Mesa County:

Assessor—Barbara Brewer
Clerk & Recorder—Janice Rich
Coroner—Dr. Dean Havlik
District Attorney—Pete Hautzinger
Sheriff—Stan Hilkey
Surveyor—Lee Stiles
Treasurer—Monika Todd

Mesa County lies on the Western border of Colorado and covers 3,309 square miles. It consists of the City of Grand Junction (32.72 square miles), the City of Fruita (6.02 square miles), and the towns of Palisade (1.04 square miles), Collbran (.48 square miles), and DeBeque (.31 square miles). There are 3,268.43 square miles of unincorporated area throughout the county. Grand Junction is the largest city between Salt Lake City, Utah and Denver, Colorado; therefore, it serves as a regional hub for services, entertainment, shopping, education and medical technologies.

Mesa County enjoys a mild, high-desert climate and 280 days of sunshine per year, with low humidity and moderate temperatures.

Means:	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall
Precipitation	1.62	2.84	1.91	2.62
Snowfall	15.1	4.2	0	2.8
Temperature	29.5 (F)	51.6 (F)	74.1 (F)	52.1 (F)

*according to the Colorado State Demography Office

In addition to the climate, Mesa County has many natural features that make it an attractive place to visit and live; some of which include:

- **The Colorado National Monument** is a beautiful geological display of towering red sandstone monoliths set against deep, sheer-walled canyons which are scattered throughout the more than 20,000 acres of the park.

- **McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area** is a high-desert wilderness area that includes unique sandstone formations, canyons, river valleys, dinosaur quarries and other sites of paleontological significance.

- **The Grand Mesa National Forest** (“The Mesa”) is one of the world’s largest flat-top mountains. It is dotted with more than 300 alpine lakes and reservoirs providing excellent fishing. With an average elevation of 10,000 feet, the Grand Mesa affords excellent vistas of the Grand Valley below and the San Juan mountain range to the southeast.

- **Mount Garfield and the Bookcliff Mountains** stand more than 2,000 feet above the valley floor, at an elevation of approximately 6,000 feet. The Bookcliff Mountains then stretch 180 miles to Price, Utah, making them the longest east-to-west mountain range in the United States.

- **The Colorado and Gunnison Rivers** offer excellent recreation opportunities including fishing, rafting and kayaking. There is also an extensive riverfront trail system along the Colorado River for use by hikers and bikers.

COUNTY MISSION: In partnership with citizens, Mesa County government will maintain and enhance quality of life by providing effective community services that ensure public health, safety and well-being.

COUNTY SLOGAN: Mesa County—Creating a community of opportunities for all residents with a focus on the future.

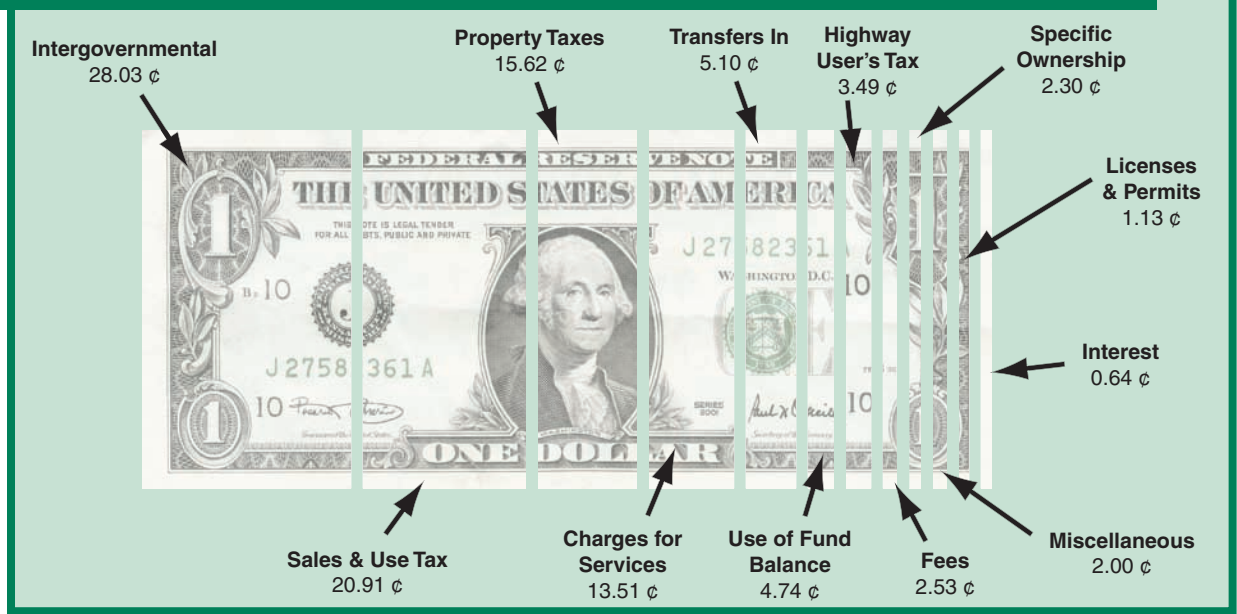
Public Hearings before the Board of Mesa County Commissioners are held at:

544 Rood Ave.—Public Hearing room (Second Floor)

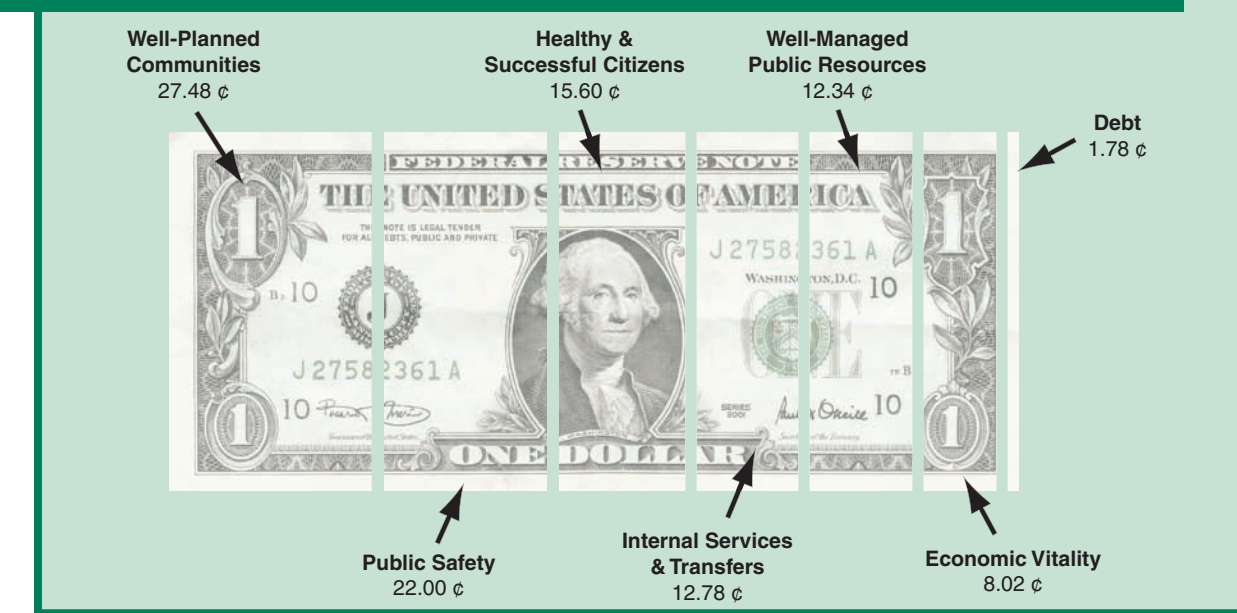
Mondays, 9:00 a.m. (Administrative)
Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m. (Land Use)

The above meetings are broadcast live on Mesa County Cable Channel 12, and are webcast at: www.mesacounty.us.

Mesa County Budgeted Revenues • Fiscal Year 2009 • \$177,769,834



Mesa County Budgeted Expenditures • Fiscal Year 2009 • \$177,769,834



ELECTED OFFICIALS

Board of Mesa County Commissioners (544 Rood Avenue)	244-1885
Assessor (544 Rood Avenue)	244-1610
Clerk & Recorder (544 Rood Avenue)	244-1703
Coroner (2021 N. 12th Street)	256-6462
District Attorney (125 N. Spruce Street, 2nd Floor)	244-1730
Sheriff (215 Rice Street)	244-3500
Surveyor (544 Rood Avenue)	244-1821
Treasurer (544 Rood Avenue)	244-1824

COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

Administration (544 Rood Avenue)	244-1800
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Building Inspection (750 Main Street)	244-1631
County Attorney (544 Rood Avenue)	244-1612
Criminal Justice Services (636 South Avenue & 650 South Avenue)	244-3344
CSU Extension—Tri-River Area (Mesa County Fairgrounds, 2775 U.S. Highway 50)	244-1834
Elections (544 Rood Avenue)	244-1662
Emergency Food Assistance Program (2467 U.S. Highway 6 & 50)	241-0388
Emergency Management (544 Rood Avenue)	244-1763
Engineering (750 Main Street)	244-1765
Facilities & Parks (315 N. Spruce Street)	244-3230
Fairgrounds (2785 U.S. Highway 50)	256-1531
Finance (544 Rood Avenue)	244-1675
GIS (544 Rood Avenue)	244-1796
Health (510 29 1/2 Road)	248-6900
Human Resources (544 Rood Avenue)	244-1856
Human Services (510 29 1/2 Road)	241-8480
Information Technology (544 Rood Avenue)	244-1796
Motor Vehicle Services (Various Locations)	244-1664
Pest Control (Noxious Weeds/Fruit Insects)	255-7120
Planning and Economic Development (750 Main Street)	244-1867
Public Trustee (619 Main Street, Suite 170)	256-9570
Public Works (750 Main Street)	244-1765
Purchasing (544 Rood Avenue)	255-7153
Recording – Clerk and Recorder (544 Rood Avenue)	244-1679
Regional Transportation Planning Office (525 S. 6th Street)	255-7188
Risk Management (544 Rood Avenue)	244-1868
Road & Bridge (1000 S. 9th Street)	244-1807
Traffic (925 4th Avenue)	244-1817
Waste Management (3071 Highway 50)	242-7436

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